

Thank you to Canon Keith Woodhouse for allowing us to use his lovely address for Rev Pateman.

Welcome friends of Brian, as we reflect on a devout, faithful and loved priest and servant of Christ and His Church.

Brian was born at Hesle-near Hull. In earlier years, amongst other jobs he worked for the General Post Office as a Postman. Following a strong awareness of a sense of vocation to the ordained ministry, he offered himself for selection and training. Graduating from Leeds University he moved for further training at Queens College Birmingham. He was ordained in Durham Cathedral to serve at St Peters, Stockton on Tees, followed by moving to St Peter Bolton in Lancashire, then as Vicar of St Mary, Coxhoe and latterly as Rector of Dalton le dale, Murton and Hawthorn for 28years ,retiring to Chilton Moor, where he assisted to

the present .. and where his son in law Robert said 'into the retirement that never was'!!

In Service

Brian was a man utterly dedicated to service in ministry -a man of his generation! Traditional in so much of his approach to ministry, an excellent visitor ,always available and greatly delighted when meeting up-even in his final Hospital ward with former parishioners he baptised, couples he had married and relatives whose families he had buried. Very much a community person who even to the last ordered his groceries from the local business.

He was a keen member of the Pastor Woodford Society-making an annual visit to Norfolk having a focus on rural having a focus on rural

Ministry. He served as Rural Dean of Houghton le Spring Deanery for 3 years, before, with Deanery re-organisation moved into Easington Deanery-which was where I met him, and together with the Seaham parishes he became known well in that community. He was an active member of the Seaham Rotary Club, serving as its President and together with his wife Lorna-who was allowed to join when ladies were admitted. He served actively in Easington Deanery with its life and the Synod -retiring back into Houghton Deanery when he moved to live at Chilton Moor-becoming much involved in Parish life with the Services and was Chair of the Parish visiting team

Marriage and Retirement

Shortly before retiring-in 1993- he married Lorna, who he always called 'his treasure', and so she was. Days out locally and breaks away- Wales was his favourite-especially Tregarran, he also loved the Isle of Skye. The family also mentioned his great treat for Lorna, when he took her to meet Ainsley Harriott-who signed a book for her-what a joy! He was a fan of Dads Army and Murder Mysteries on the TV, and enjoyed the Theatre

Life has been difficult recently-spells in hospital and care which he faced bravely. The family wish to thank all who visited him and showed their care and affection-sadly but joyfully for Brian, he passed away peacefully at The Laurels Care Home in Hetton, where his wife Laura died. Brian never became computer literate-he lived simply, no extravagance, a gentle person ever faithful in service to others and his Lord.

Well done thou good and faithful servant-as we pray- enter into the joy of your Lord.

